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RE: Serial No. 09/879,279; Our Ref. No. 1932/18/2

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/879,279 for
IN VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS
Our File No. 1392/18/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (14 pages).

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Respectfully submitted,

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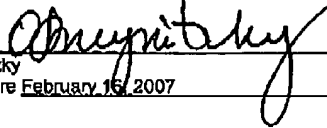
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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 17, 2007, having a period for response that expires on February 17, 2007. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 17, 2007 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter referred to as "the Patent Office") indicated that the Amendment dated October 12, 2006 was non-compliant because applicants did not indicate which of new claims 32-51 were readable upon the elected species in accordance with MPEP §809.02(a). Thus, the Patent Office requires that applicants indicate which claims read upon the elected species.

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In response to the Patent Office's assertions, applicants have amended the "Remarks" section of Amendment D (attached) to clarify that all of new claims 32-51 are readable upon the elected species in accordance with M.P.E.P. §809.02(a). No new matter has been added.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Non-Compliant status of Amendment D be withdrawn, and further request that Amendment D be entered into the record and forwarded to the Examiner for consideration.

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